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C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 2906

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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON CYPRUS

REF: USUN 2899

1. WESTERN AND NON-ALIGNED EFFORTS TO WORK OUT AN AGREED
TEXT FOR A RESOLUTION WERE UPSET LATE SEPTEMBER 7 WHEN
BENIN, MAURITIUS AND PANAMA FORMALLY TABLED A DRAFT
OF THEIR OWN. (TEXT SEPTTEL) BENIN TEXT IS THE BARTON-
JAIPAL DRAFT OF SEPTEMBER 6 (SEE REFTTEL) WITH AMEND-
MENTS PUT FORWARD BY CYPRIOT FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES.

2. IF WESTERN FIVE ALL ABSTAIN AND ARE JOINED BY PAKISTAN
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AND LIBYA, THIS RESOLUTION WOULD FAIL TO GAIN THE
NECESSARY NINE VOTES FOR ADOPTION, HOWEVER, UNITY
OF WESTERN FIVE WILL BE SEVERELY STRAINED. CANADIANS
WILL BE TEMPTED TO SUPPORT A RESOLUTION WHICH IS CHANGED
IN ONLY FAIRLY MINOR WAYS FROM THEIR ORIGINAL DRAFT.
FRENCH ARE UNINSTRUCTED, BUT ARE INCLINED TO VOTE
IN FAVOR OF BENIN RESOLUTION. ON A STRAIGHT UP OR DOWN

TEST, WE CANNOT PREDICT HOW BRITISH WOULD VOTE.

3. BRITISH MISSION IS CONSIDERING PARLIAMENTARY STRATEGY WHICH WOULD INVOLVE WESTERN FIVE PUTTING FORWARD THEIR OWN RESOLUTION (DEPARTMENT TRANSMITTING WESTERN WORKING PAPER SEPARATELY) AS ALTERNATIVE TO BENIN RESOLUTION. BRITISH BELIEVED THAT SUCH AN ALTERNATIVE MIGHT PROVIDE SUFFICIENT INDUCEMENT TO CANADIANS AND FRENCH TO ABSTAIN ON BENIN RESOLUTION. MAIN ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF SUCH A STRATEGY IS THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING WESTERN UNITY. THIS IS A COMPELLING CONSIDERATION FOR THE FIVE AMBASSADORS HERE IN VIEW OF THE CRITICAL ISSUES WE WILL BE FACING--JOINTLY WE HOPE--ON AFRICA AND OTHER AREAS IN THE COMING MONTHS.

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